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UNIFIES CONTROL OF RR FINANCES -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 24 Mar 50

Peiping, 23 March -- Since the Ministry of Railroads instituted unified control of financial matters, income from the railroads has increased greatly. The January income from railroads inside the Great Wall was 50 percent above September, the best month in 1949. The Cheng-chou, T'ai-yuan, Chi-nan, and Mukden railroad bureaus, which needed large amounts of financial aid from the government in 1949, are now self-supporting.

The Ministry of Railroads was able to invest its 20 billion yuan surplus, created between 1 January and 16 March, in government-sponsored engineering works, besides being able to pay for the cost of all railroad repairs. Under this procedure of unified control, with income from all railroad bureaus going into the centralized treasury of the Ministry of Railroads, it is possible to equalize the operating expenses and revenue of each railroad.

CANTON BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS TO HANDLE RR FUNDS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao,  
16 Mar 50

Canton, 16 March -- Pursuant to the decision that the Chinese People's Bank is to serve as the depository of the railroad funds for the whole country, the central and southern regional branch of the People's Bank in Canton has entered into a contract with the Railroad Bureau in Heng-yang to serve as the depository of railroad funds for the central and southern region. The contract is based upon the practical experience gained in North China. The territory provisionally embraced in this contract extends on the north to the Wu-ch'ang East station of the Canton--Wu-ch'ang Railroad, east to P'ing-hsiang of the same railroad, south to Shen-ch'uan on the Canton--Chiu-lung Railroad, and west to Hsiang-ho-k'ou and Liu-chou.

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For the time being, the places where deposits and payments will be made are Hankow, Ch'ang-sha, Chu-chou, Heng-yang, Kuei-lin, Liu-chou, and Canton. The Canton branch will handle the receipts and disbursements of all stations on the Canton--San-shui, Canton--Shen-ch'uan railroads, and those on the Canton--Wu-ch'ang Railroad between Canton and Shao-kuan, inclusive, making a total of 63 stations.

The Canton branch of the People's Bank has appointed the local branches of the Bank of Communications to be responsible for handling this business. The new arrangement went into effect on 12 March 1950. Each day, the Canton bank telegraphs to the Hankow branch of the People's Bank the total amounts of receipts and disbursements.

CANTON--CHIU-LUNG RR EXTENDS SIDINGS -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 22 Apr 50

Canton -- As a part of a systematic effort to prevent accidents and insure safe operation of trains on the Canton--Chiu-lung Railroad as far as Shen-ch'uan, the Canton Railroad Bureau is constructing at each station three sidings at least 500 meters long. Most of the grading is already completed. Work on the rectification of gradients between P'ing-hu and Pu-chi, near the Canton North Station and at a few other points has been started. Similar work at or near nine stations on the Canton--Wu-ch'ang Railroad is also in progress.

CANTON--WU-CH'ANG RR TRAFFIC INCREASES -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 22 Apr 50

Canton -- Freight traffic on the Canton--Wu-ch'ang Railroad is increasing continuously, the daily average being several hundred tons. Southbound freight, consisting mainly of cotton yarn, beans, peanuts, and hogs, is invariably greater than the volume of north-bound freight which consists mainly of sugar and salt.

MIXED TRAIN RUNS DAILY TO SHAO-KUAN -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 15 Mar 50

Canton -- The Canton Railroad Bureau announces that beginning today, 15 March 1950, a mixed train of passenger and freight cars will resume daily service to Shao-kuan on the Canton--Wu-ch'ang Railroad. Train No 258 will leave the Canton South Station at 0700 hours for Shao-kuan and way stations, arriving at Shao-kuan at 1801 hours. A similar train, No 257, will leave Shao-kuan daily at 0800 hours and arrive at Canton at 1951 hours. Through tickets to Wu-ch'ang are good on this train.

CH'U CHIANG RR BRIDGE REPAIRS NEARLY FINISHED -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 1 Apr 50

Canton, 19 March -- Repair work on the big Canton--Wu-ch'ang railroad bridge over the Ch'u Chiang at Shao-kuan is 22 percent finished, as of 15 March 1950. Army Engineers Corps and the Railroad Bridge Construction Corps working in co-operation have overcome many difficulties and expect to complete the work by the end of April 1950.

RECONSTRUCTION OF HAI-CHU BRIDGE TO BEGIN -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 22 Mar 50

Canton -- The contract for the reconstruction of Canton's Hai-chu Bridge has been let to the state-owned Kwangtung Construction Corporation. The first stage, the repair of the bridge piers, is to start on 24 March 1950, and it is estimated that 70 days and 1,050,000,000 yuan will be required for completion.

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## DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF POSTAL SERVICE -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 17 Mar 50

Canton, 17 March -- Under the leadership of representatives of the Central government Ministry of Posts a training conference was held in Canton, beginning 14 March 1950, to discuss the tasks and problems of the postal service. The conference was attended by about 50 of the responsible officers of the 15 principal post offices of the province, the secretary of the provincial government, representative military officers and leaders of the postal workers labor union.

This training conference for postal officers was held to promote uniformity and efficiency, better internal organization and mutual cooperation, and to increase both service and revenue. Constructive discussion centered around administration, business, and finances.

## MAIL SERVICE RESUMED TO INDIA -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 30 Mar 50

Peiping, 28 March -- On 26 March, the Ministry of Posts notified the government of India of its willingness to comply with the latter's request for the resumption of mail service between the two countries. Ordinary letters, postcards, business agreements, printed matter, sample post, and packages may be sent through the mail. China has designated the Canton and Shanghai Post Offices as relay stations.

## REVISES DOMESTIC POSTAL RATES -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 11 Mar 50

Peiping, 10 March -- The following revised postal rates for domestic service, to take effect on 11 March, were announced by the Ministry of Posts and Telegraph: ordinary letters, 1,000 yuan per 20 grams; registered mail, 4,000 yuan; registered mail with return receipt requested, 7,000 yuan; ordinary special delivery, 2,000 yuan; registered special delivery, 5,000 yuan; post cards, 500 yuan; and manuscripts for newspaper 800 yuan.

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